

**AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 189**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TAUZIN**

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the  
following:

1       That it is the sense of the Congress that—

2               (1) all Americans should take an active role in  
3       the fight against inflammatory bowel disease by all  
4       means available to them, including the investigation  
5       of family histories;

6               (2) the role played by national organizations  
7       and health care providers in promoting awareness of  
8       inflammatory bowel disease and supporting research  
9       should be applauded;

10              (3) public education programs to raise aware-  
11       ness about inflammatory bowel disease and the high  
12       risk that patients have for developing colorectal can-  
13       cer are important;

14              (4) the National Institute of Diabetes and Di-  
15       gestive and Kidney Diseases, in collaboration with  
16       other appropriate institutes of the National Insti-  
17       tutes of Health, should continue to take a leadership  
18       role in research efforts regarding the fight against  
19       inflammatory bowel disease; and



1           (5) the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
2           tion should consider additional methods to improve  
3           disease surveillance for inflammatory bowel disease.



Strike the preamble and insert the following:

1 Whereas Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (collectively  
2 known as inflammatory bowel disease) are chronic dis-  
3 orders of the intestinal tract that cause intense pain  
4 and suffering and represent the leading cause of mor-  
5 bidity from digestive illness;

6 Whereas the cause of both Crohn's disease and ulcerative  
7 colitis are unknown and there is no cure;

8 Whereas more than 1 million people in the United States  
9 suffer from inflammatory bowel disease;

10 Whereas inflammatory bowel disease affects men and  
11 women equally, tends to run in families, and predomi-  
12 nately afflicts persons under the age of 30 although  
13 it can strike at any age;

14 Whereas inflammatory bowel disease patients often re-  
15 quire intensive steroid treatments or invasive surgery  
16 to control their symptoms;

17 Whereas in 2000, the total annual medical costs for  
18 Crohn's disease patients was estimated at \$735 mil-  
19 lion;

20 Whereas in 2000, the total annual medical cost for ulcera-  
21 tive colitis patients was estimated at \$400 million;

22 Whereas inflammatory bowel disease patients are at high  
23 risk for developing colorectal cancer;



1 Whereas research recently identified the first gene for  
2 Crohn's disease; and  
3 Whereas the Congress as an institution, and Members of  
4 the Congress as individuals, are in unique positions  
5 to help raise public awareness about the need for in-  
6 creased funding for research, epidemiology, and treat-  
7 ment of inflammatory bowel disease: Now, therefore,  
8 be it

